

## OUR MODERATORS.

1. Rev. Benj. M. Palmer, D. D., Augusta, 1861.
2. Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., Montgomery, 1862.
3. Rev. Jas. A. Lyon, D. D., Columbia, 1863.
4. Rev. John S. Wilson, D. D., Charlotte, 1864.
5. Rev. Geo. Howe, D. D., Macon, 1865.
6. Rev. A. H. Kerr, D. D., Memphis, 1866.
7. Rev. T. V. Moore, D. D., Nashville, 1867.
8. Rev. J. M. Waddell, D. D., Baltimore, 1868.
9. Rev. Stuart Robinson, D. D., Mobile, 1869.
10. Rev. R. L. Dabney, D. D., Louisville, 1870.
11. Rev. Wm. S. Plumer, D. D., Huntsville, 1871.
12. Rev. Thos. R. Welch, D. D., Richmond, 1872.
13. Rev. H. M. Smith, D. D., Little Rock, 1873.
14. Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., Columbus, 1874.
15. Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D., St. Louis, 1875.
16. Rev. B. M. Smith, D. D., Savannah, 1876.
17. Rev. C. A. Stillman, D. D., New Orleans, 1877.
18. Rev. T. E. Peck, D. D., Knoxville, 1878.
19. Rev. J. H. Wilson, D. D., Louisville, 1879.
20. Rev. T. A. Hoyt, D. D., Charleston, 1880.
21. Rev. R. P. Farris, D. D., Staunton, 1881.
22. Rev. R. K. Smoot, D. D., Atlanta, 1882.
23. Rev. T. Pryor, D. D., Lexington, Ky., 1883.
24. Rev. T. D. Witherspoon, D. D., Vicksburg, 1884.
25. Rev. H. R. Raymond, D. D., Houston, 1885.
26. Rev. J. H. Bryson, D. D., Augusta, 1886.
27. Rev. G. B. Strickler, D. D., St. Louis, 1886.
28. Rev. J. J. Bulloch, D. D., Baltimore, 1888.
29. Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Chattanooga, 1889.
30. Rev. James Park, D. D., Asheville, 1890.
31. Rev. H. C. DuBose, D. D., Birmingham, 1891.
32. Rev. S. A. King, D. D., Hot Springs, 1892.
33. Hon. J. W. Lapsley, D. D., Macon, 1893.
34. Rev. J. R. Graham, D. D., Nashville, 1894.
35. Rev. C. R. Hemphill, D. D., Dallas, 1895.
36. Rev. R. Q. Mallard, D. D., Memphis, 1896.
37. Rev. G. T. Goetchius, D. D., Charlotte, 1897.
38. Rev. E. M. Green, D. D., New Orleans, 1898.
39. Rev. John F. Cannon, D. D., Richmond, 1899.
40. Hon. Jos. W. Martin, LL. D., Atlanta, 1900.
41. Rev. N. M. Woods, D. D., Little Rock, 1901.
42. Rev. W. T. Hall, D. D., Jackson, 1902.
43. Rev. A. C. Hopkins, D. D., Lexington, Va., 1903.
44. Rev. S. M. Neel, D. D., Mobile, 1904.
45. Rev. J. T. Plunket, D. D., Fort Worth, 1905.
46. Hon. A. G. Hall, LL. D., Greenville, 1906.
47. Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., Birmingham, 1907.
48. Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D., Greensboro, 1908.
49. Rev. Wm. E. Boggs, D. D., Savannah, 1909.
50. Rev. J. W. Bachman, D. D., Lewisburg, 1910.
51. Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., Louisville, 1911.
52. Rev. T. S. Clyde, D. D., Bristol, 1912.
53. Rev. J. S. Lyons, D. D., Atlanta, Ga., 1913.
54. Dr. Wm. J. Martin, Kansas City, 1914.
55. Rev. W. McF. Alexander, D. D., Newport News, 1915.

\*Ye are come to the General Assembly and Church which are written in Heaven."

A careful study of this list of the names of those who have been so highly honored by the Church, will show that it would be hard to find a similar number of men of such pre-eminent ability filling any one office in the same length of time. "There were giants in the earth in those days," and "those days" extend from the beginning of the history of our Church down to the present time.

The great power of these noble servants of God has been manifested in almost every department of the Church's activities. Among them are men who have thrilled their congregations with their eloquent presentation of the gospel. There are those who, by earnest, devoted pastoral work, have done much to build up the kingdom of God. A number of them have given the best years of their lives with pre-eminent success to training young men in theological seminaries for the gospel ministry. Some of them have been honored ruling elders, who in their own spheres served God faithfully.

Of the fifty-five all but eighteen have been called "to the General Assembly and Church of the First Born, which are written in heaven."

These men faithfully served their day and generation, and their work so well begun by them still goes on in the Church.

Of the eighteen who are still serving their Master in the Church Militant, Rev. Dr. H. R. Raymond is the oldest in point of office life, having been moderator in 1885. These men have done and are still doing eminent service for the Master and the Church.

That Church is greatly blessed to whom the great Head of the Church has given such leaders. May their spiritual sons be worthy of their fathers in the faith. Using the greater opportunities of the present and the future may they press forward with even greater zeal and earnestness in their work in which these great leaders have spent their lives.

## A VACATION CLUB.

Who does not love a vacation? Some people say they have not time to take a summer vacation. If this is true we are sorry for them, but we do not know just how to help them.

Many more people say they cannot go off for even a little visit during the hot months of the summer, because they cannot afford traveling expenses and hotel bills. Now these are the people we can help.

Reader, do you want us to help you to have a vacation this summer in the mountains or on the seashore? Our plan means a little work, but it is pleasant work and not very hard. And who is afraid of work?

If you want a vacation, write to the Presbyterian of the South, Richmond, Va. Do not wait. Summer will soon be here. And somebody else may get your opportunity.

## WALKING WITH GOD.

God often epitomizes a man's character in few words. His epitaph tells the truth. When the Bible says of Enoch that "he walked with God and was not for God took him," it is enough. We feel that we know about all we need to know of this far-away, yet near-at-hand man. Still Enoch was no unusual man; he was a man of like infirmities with us. His privileges were no more than ours. His life no more different from, what ours might well be.

The image of walking with God is an early one. Adam walked with God in the garden; Abel walked with Him in the field. What is the meaning of so common-place an image as this?

It meant that Enoch walked in the same general direction.

He has the same motive in life, the same purposes to fulfill. The same ideals of our world life.

We often forget that God has a purpose. We make Him the Great Accidental of the universe. The colossal Driftwood of existence. In our efforts to dehumanize God we have robbed Him of will and purpose.

Happy is the man who can see God's great purposes. Happier is he who conforms his life to their execution.

Enoch saw what God was about in the world, and conformed his life to it and in this way walked with God.

It is not always easy to do. Enoch did not find it so. The world had gone far away from God, plunged over the brink of iniquity and rebellion; swinging away from God on an apparently successful flight. Chaos reigned, and Enoch required a great calm faith to believe "all's well on earth."

It may be we need this vision now. The world seems topsy-turvy. The cross-currents are running hard and it is difficult to believe that the tide is still setting Godward in this world. But if we walk with God we will find it so.

The only way for the world to advance is in this seeing and trusting God's beneficent purposes. Only by grasping that "through the ages one increasing purpose runs," is it true that "the thoughts of men are widened by the process of the suns."

Enoch walked in mutual love and agreement with God.

Two cannot walk together except they be agreed. Enoch subordinated his will and intelligence to the will and intelligence of the Superior.

We are tempted to set ours up as better than God's and when we do we are walking away from God, not with Him.

Enoch walked with God in mutual trust.

We cannot walk with people we do not trust. Enoch is referred as a hero of faith in Hebrews. It required much faith to live in his day. The world had gone away from

God; worldliness was rampant on the earth. His life was often in danger, yet he trusted God.

And what is more remarkable still God trusted the affairs of His kingdom to Enoch. God is doing that with us. He has given the message of His love to men as we are; and only as we walk with Him can we carry out His great purpose of salvation.

Enoch walked with God in step.

He did not go before Him. He did not attempt to hasten His plans as Abram did in trying to substitute Ishmael in the place of the promised seed. Nor as we often do when His plans seem to go slowly. We forget that a thousand years are with the Lord as one day and one day as a thousand years.

Neither did he lag behind. He was up with God. This is too often our fault. God is marching on, we must not be a straggler. We must keep step with him.

Enoch walked home. We will arrive there too if we keep walking with God.

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## THE CHURCH BEAUTIFUL.

In a village or country we sometimes find a church building of attractive architecture. Its paint is fresh and the color is appropriate. Situated in a good size yard, it is surrounded by stately trees. The grass grows luxuriantly and is kept well trimmed. Beds of bright flowers complete the beauty of the scene. Have you seen such a church? You were at once convinced that those who compose its congregation love their church and are willing to show their love by their work.

Is such a church as this imaginary? No, for it does exist, but its name cannot be called legion, for they are not many.

Unfortunately a very different state of affairs is far more common. The vast majority of country and village churches show little or architectural grace. Not much attention was paid to the planning of church buildings in the past. And of course little can be done in the way of improving these old buildings in this particular, though in many cases improvements can be made. But even the ugliest building can be improved with paint at no very great cost. One of the fortunate things about the country church is that it is generally located in a grove. But this has seemed to satisfy most of the congregations. No effort is made in most cases to beautify the grounds. There are few of the members of the church who are as careless about their own homes.

When David was king he built himself a palace in keeping with his position as the head of a great people. And it is right for every man to build as comfortable a home for his family as he can afford.

But David said it was not right for him to dwell in a luxurious home, while the ark of God dwelt in a tent. So he went to work to make the most elaborate preparation to build a temple, that should, as far as human skill and devotion could make it, be worthy of being the dwelling place of God.

The church ought to be just as attractive as it can be made. Since it is God's house there should be none in the community to which more attention is given.

Many congregations seem to think that nothing can be done to improve conditions that have existed so long; or at least that it could only be done by the expenditure of more money than can be secured for the purpose. The fact is that money can be secured for such a purpose much more easily than is generally supposed.

However, in many cases a great deal can be done without the expenditure of much money.